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I am Barbara Hart, Public Health Nurse at the California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. (CRIHB), located in Sacramento California. This picture was taken at a recent community event where we provided and fit helmets to approximately 55 children.



I am a member of the Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, but always lived in California. I have worked at CRIHB for over ten years now and much of the work I do is injury prevention. We currently have 2 grants: Indian Health Service- Cooperative Agreement, part 2, which is \$75,000.00 per year for the period of 9/15/2005 – 9/1/2010 and Office of Traffic Safety, which is \$257,000.00 for the period of 10/01/05 – 9/30/07. Our Injury Prevention team consists of Jessica Nunes, Karen Santana and me.

Currently our efforts include establishing a continuing traffic safety public awareness campaign that includes American Indian teens to prevent injuries and fatalities from motor vehicle crashes. We also will continue to spread awareness to board members and tribal council and will market injury prevention by a multi-media video we will create in the future. We also provide resources for our tribal member programs for car seats, injury prevention training, helmets and educational materials. All three IP staff are CPS Certified and are able to provide the one day SNAP course to designated programs. Our ultimate goal of our program is to reduce the number of deaths and hospitalizations related to unintentional and intentional injuries with the American Indian population of rural communities throughout the state of California. We will continue to seek additional grant funds to assist in sustaining our injury prevention efforts.

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